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SUBJ: GVN NOTE TO PARIS PARTICIPANTS PROTESTING COMMUNIST  
ATTACK ON KIEN DUC

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF A GVN

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) NOTE, DATED DECEMBER 7  
TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CON-  
FERENCE ON VIET-NAM PROTESTING THE COMMUNIST CAPTURE OF  
KIEN DUC.

ACTION REQUESTED: ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PASS

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THIS NOTE TO THE GVN MISSIONS IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES WITH  
THE INFORMATION THAT IT WAS RELEASED TO THE PRESS DECEMBER 8.  
END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST  
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2. QTE NO. 898/BNG - THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE  
PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-  
NAM, SIGNED AT PARIS ON MARCH 2ND, 1973 AND HAS THE HONOUR  
TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

3. ON DECEMBER 4TH, 1973, COMMUNIST FORCES COMPOSED EXCLU-  
SIVELY OF NORTH VIETNAMESE UNITS ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED THE  
DISTRICT TOWN OF KIEN DUC, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG-DUC.  
THE ASSAILANT FORCES WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE  
ARMY'S 271ST, 272ND AND 265TH REGIMENTS SUPPORTED BY HEAVY  
ARTILLERY AND ABOUT TWENTY (20) TANKS.

4. THE DISTRICT AUTHORITIES OF KIEN-DUC SUCCEEDED IN EVACUA-  
TING MOST OF THE FIVE THOUSAND CIVILIAN INHABITANTS AND REFU-  
GEES, WHO NEVERTHELESS SUFFERED HUNDREDS OF CASUALTIES AND  
LOST ALL OF THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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5. THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS CLEARLY COMMITTED AN OPEN ACT OF  
WAR, BY MILITARILY ATTACKING A CENTER OF POPULATION IN THE  
MIDST OF A FORMALLY AGREED UPON CEASEFIRE.

6. THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS CLEARLY COMMITTED AN ACT OF  
AGGRESSION BY MILITARILY OCCUPYING A DISTRICT TOWN THAT HAS  
BEEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF VIET-NAM SINCE BEFORE THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

7. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THIS MAJOR VIOLATION OF THE JANUARY 27TH, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT, A VIOLATION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BELIEVES SHOULD BE PROMPTLY INVESTIGATED AND STRONGLY CONDEMNED.

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO RE-NEW ITS APPEAL TO THE PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FROM CONTINUING ITS WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE JANUARY 27TH, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT, ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS AND THE JUNE 13TH, 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

9. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS A NUMBER OF TIMES CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE VIOLATIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SIDE, WHICH HAVE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED IN BOTH NUMBER AND INTENSITY IN RECENT MONTHS, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE SHELLING OF THE FUEL DEPOT OF NHA BE ON DECEMBER 3RD, 1973 AND THE ATTACK AGAINST THE DISTRICT TOWN OF KIEN-DUC ON DECEMBER 4TH, 1973 CONSTITUTE THE MOST SERIOUS BREACHES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, IN OPEN DEFIANCE OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AND THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION AND THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM.

10. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM REITERATES ITS FIRM INTENTION OF SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTING ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT; BUT IT ALSO RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO TAKE SELF-DEFENSE MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS TERRITORY, ITS POPULATION, AND ITS ARMED FORCES.

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11. FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS SPECIFICALLY TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNIST FORCES SEEM TO BE SYSTEMATICALLY CARRYING OUT HOSTILE ACTS IN PREPARATION FOR A MAJOR OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. IF SUCH AN IRRESPONSIBLE POLICY WERE ALLOWED TO BE EFFECTED, IT WOULD INEVITABLY RESULT IN THE COLLAPSE OF THE WHOLE EFFORT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN VIET-NAM, WHICH THE PARTIES HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO GUARANTEE UNDER THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM NEED NOT EMPHASIZE THE GRAVITY OF SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.

12. OUT OF AN EARNEST DESIRE FOR PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO APPRISE THE PARTIES OF THE SERIOUS SITUATION PREVAILING IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, WITH THE

HOPE THAT THE PARTIES WILL ACT EITHER SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY TO PUT AN END TO THE AGGRESSIVE AIMS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SIDE, WHICH REMAIN THE SOLE OBSTACLE TO THE RESTORING OF PEACE IN VIET-NAM.

13. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM, THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGH CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, DECEMBER 7TH, 1973 UNQTE.  
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